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SUBJ: CIVAIR: GRAND BAHAMA PORT AUTHORITY LETTER ON PRECLEARANCE  
FACILITIES AT FREEPORT

REF: (A) NASSAU 1123 (B) NASSAU 1232 (C) NASSAU 1245

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 19, 1977 FROM EDWARD ST. GEORGE, CHAIRMAN, THE GRAND BAHAMA PORT AUTHORITY LTD., FREEPORT, TO JAMES E. TOWNSEND, DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF U.S. CUSTOMS, 77 S.E. 5TH STREET, MIAMI, FLA. 33131. LETTER READS AS FOLLOWS: "DEAR MR. TOWNSEND, AFTER THE VISIT OF THE COMMISSIONER LAST WEEK, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GRAND BAHAMA PORT AUTHORITY INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRECLEARANCE FACILITIES AT FREEPORT AIRPORT PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF FINAL APPROVALS FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. FINAL APPROVAL IS BEING DELAYED PENDING THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT'S FULFILMENT OF ITS AGREEMENT REGARDING IMPROVEMENT OF THE PRECLEARANCE FACILITIES AT NASSAU. THE ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE OF THE FACILITIES WILL BE THE 23RD DECEMBER 1977 AND THE FACILITIES WILL BE COMPLETELY OPERATIONAL NOT LATER THAN THE 15TH JANUARY, 1978. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF THANKING YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND ENTHUSIASM ON THIS PROJECT, WHICH IS SO VITALLY

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IMPORTANT TO THE ISLAND OF GRAND BAHAMA. YOURS  
SINCERELY, EDWARD ST. GEORGE, CHAIRMAN."

2. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO ADD THAT GRAND BAHAMA PORT AUTHORITY HELD A GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE FACILITIES IN FREEPORT TODAY.

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